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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, that were Concern'd in the First VOLUME.

From Wedneſday April 19th. to Friday April 21ſt. 1710.

Q. GENTLEMEN, *Who were they that* Lamech *Slew? See* Geneſis 4. 23.

Yours, R. P.

A. Being a Blind Archer, he Killed his Grandfather *Cain* by the the Directions of the Boy that led him, for which Reaſon he likewiſe Killed the Boy. This is the Story *Torniellus* wou'd have us believe, pretending to juſtify it by the Authority of ſeveral Fathers. But his Reaſons are not ſo ſtrong as to ſway our Belief.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, Anſwer this Queſtion, propoſed by one of the Church of* Rome. *Whether a* Proteſtant *having the ſame Motives to become a* Roman-Catholick, *which one bred and Born and well Grounded in the* Catholick Religion *hath to remain in it, may not Equally be Saved.*

A. Suppoſing the *Proteſtant* to be likewiſe well Grounded in his *Religion* and to perſevere in it, we Anſwer, he has a more certain Proſpect of Salvation than the other, tho' he ſhou'd have the ſtrongeſt Motives that the *Romiſh* Church can offer him for the Preference of her Faith and Doctrin. But to give Reaſons for our Aſſertion wou'd be a great Work, ſince this Queſtion is no other than whether the Grounds of the *Proteſtant* or *Romiſh* Faith are ſtronger? or in whether of them is the greateſt Security of Salvation? the determining of which Queſtion wou'd take in the whole Controverſy between the *Proteſtant* and *Romiſh* Church.

Q. Gentlemen, *I being lately employed as a Clerk in a Publick Office of the Law, deſire the favor of your Opinion. Whether I may not Lawfully take all ſuch Clerks Fees, as have been uſually demanded and paid in the ſaid Office, at leaſt for 6 or 7 Years and ſome upwards of 20 Years laſt paſt; and provided that I do not know them to be forbidden by any Act of Parliament. And you will much Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant, A. B.

A. This Queſtion is too general to admit of a Satisfactory Anſwer. Notwithſtanding Preſcription is often pleaded for many Exorbitant Demands of which no Acts of Parliament take Cogniſance: And therefore a Conſciencious Man (as you ſeem to be) will not upon ſo weak a Reaſon as this exact more than is in Equity due to him. How much that ought to be, though we knew your Circumſtances, it is not for us to Determine; but we muſt leave you to the Direction of your own Conſcience.

Q. Ingenious Gentlemen, *I find you in your Papers frequently expreſſing your ſelves in favor of the* Copernican Syſtem *of the Earth. I know it is now much in Vogue amongſt Learned Men, and that it muſt be Confeſſed to be very eaſy, natural and agreeable to Reaſon. But ſince it cannot be proved to be demonſtrably true by many Arguments yet found out, and that there are ſeveral Texts of* Scripture *plainly and litterally againſt it. I deſire your Opinion, whether a juſt Deference to the Authority of* Holy Scripture, *and the fear of infuſing Prejudices into Vulgar Minds againſt it, wou'd not require that Men ſhou'd Speak more Warily and Modeſtly about this Matter?*

A. We muſt Ingenuouſly acknowledge with the Queriſt that all the Attempts that have yet been made to demonſtrate the Motion of the Earth have proved inſufficient, as we ſhall eaſily Demonſtrate againſt any Inſtance that ſhall be offered to us, tho' we are not Ignorant that ſome have with great Labor and Expence undertook the Demonſtration of this grand Problem, and have with no leſs Confidence reported their Succeſs to the World. We muſt likewiſe grant that it is not abſolutely neceſſary that the Earth ſhou'd move in Order to Solve the *Phænomena* of Nature; for there are other Hypotheſes that may (tho' not altogether ſo well) ſerve for that Purpoſe. Notwithſtanding it is our Opinion that a juſt Deference to the Authority of *Scripture* may be conſiſtent with embracing the *Copernican-ſyſtem*, provided, as you ſay, it be done Modeſtly and Warily; for with this neceſſary Condition ſhou'd all Notions be Entertain'd whether ſeemingly repugnant to Scripture or no, the Proofs of which are not Infallible. For it is very well

Anſwered by the *Copernicans*, that the Deſign of the Scripture is not to make Men Naturaliſts or Mathematicians, but to perſuade them to Piety, and to fit them for Supernatural Grace and Glory. And therefore it Speaks of Natural Things, not as they are ſtrictly in themſelves, but according to the moſt common Conceptions of Men concerning them, that ſo they might be underſtood of all to their Benefit and Salvation. And unleſs we underſtand the Sacred Writers ſometimes thus accommodating themſelves to Vulgar Conceptions we muſt unavoidably miſtake their true Senſe and Meaning. If the Queriſt wou'd ſee a Reconciliation of the Texts of Scripture with the *Copernican* Hypotheſis, let him Read *Foſcarin's* Diſcourſe upon that Subject, annexed to a late *Leyden* Edition of *Galileo's Syſtema Coſmicum*. There is likewiſe a very Elegant Letter of *Galileo* himſelf to the Grand Dutcheſs of *Tuſcany* upon the ſame Subject.

Q. Gentlemen, *If you allow the Hiſtory of Pope* Joan *to be true, pleaſe to return an Anſwer how the miſtake happen'd, and after what manner diſcover'd; but if you eſteem it Fabulous, I wou'd enquire what cauſe or occaſion gave Birth to that Story?*

A. Onuphrius a Popiſh Writer endeavors to deſtroy the Credit of the Story of Pope *Joan*, but his Argument is very Weak. *Anaſtatius*, ſays he, *Lived about this Time, and knew beſt who Succeeded* Leo *the* 4th, *and he makes no mention of* John (*or* Joan) *the* 8th, *but of* Benedictus *the* 3d, *as Succeſſor of* Leo *the* 4th. An Argument, we ſay, taken from an Authority Negatively has no Force. It do's not follow that the thing is falſe, becauſe not mentioned by *Anaſtatius*; ſince we have alſo the Reaſon of his omitting it declared to us by *Rinaldus*, viz. *propter deformitatem facti*. *Bellarmine*, *Baronius*, *Petavius*, and ſeveral other Popiſh Writers do likewiſe reject this Story as Fabulous; but their only true Reaſon for it is, that they are aſhamed of it. Whereas we have the Suffrages of at leaſt Fifty of their own Writers againſt them, and *Philip Morney* has invincibly proved the Truth of it in his *Miſterium Iniquitatis*, to which we referr the Reader. Her Story is generally known, being in ſhort this; She was a Young Woman of *Mentz* in *Germany* and ran away with an *Engliſh* Monk of *Fulda* in Man's Apparel to *Athens*, where ſhe Studied with him till he Died. From thence ſhe came to *Rome*, and was ſo much admir'd for her Learning and Politick Behaviour, that after the Death of *Leo* the 4*th*, ſhe was advanced to the Pontifical Chair, and in this Dignity for two Years and a half, ſhe Celebrated Maſs, gave all Orders, freed the Emperor *Lewis* from his Oath to *Aldegiſus*, Crown'd *Charles* the *Bald*, took up the Controverſy between the two *Hincmaros*, eſtabliſhed the Learned *Photius* in the Patriarchſhip of *Conſtantinople*, Wrote a Learned Letter to the Prince of *Moravia*, and wanted only the right Sex to be an excellent Pope, which Defect ſhe unhappily diſcovered in going to the Church of *Laterane*, where without a Midwife ſhe fell into Labor and Died about the Year 857.

Q. *Is the Sea always in Motion? And if it is, how ſhall one know which Way it's Motion is directed?*

A. It is certain the Sea muſt be always in Motion, tho' in ſome Parts of it that Motion may ſcarce be ſenſible. For omitting all other external Cauſes, the Action of the Motion in it's Diurnal Revolution about the Earth will cauſe a conſtant Flux and Reflux in one Part or other of the Ocean, and if any one Part be in Motion, all the reſt muſt neceſſarily be ſo too. For the Place in which this Motion is made muſt be lower than the Place of the the Water that is next to it, and conſequently that next Water will move into it's Place, and ſo the Motion will be propogated thro' all other Parts of the Ocean. But this Motion will be leſs in Parts that are more remote, becauſe the Place, from which the Part of Water moved, will be filled up with other Water not coming from one Coaſt but from all around it: And as the Periferies of the thus Circulating Water Increaſe, their Motion will be leſs. For thus we ſee, that a Stone being caſt into ſtanding Water will cauſe a Wave to riſe like the Circumference of a Circle, and this will raiſe another Wave of a larger Circumference by the Influx of Waters from all Coaſts into the Place vacated by the Former; but the Motion is leſs and leſs ſenſible the farther it is diſtant from the Place where the Stone was caſt in. Since then the Motion of the Sea muſt be Conſtant, becauſe it's Cauſe is ſo, by the following Method it may be known towards what Coaſt it's Motion tends. Take an Opportunity when there is little or no Wind, and caſt into the Sea a Body of near the ſame Specific Gravity with Water itſelf, obſerving the Place where it was caſt in by fixing a Boat there: And as ſoon as the Body is carried by the Current or Stream of the Sea to a Moderate Diſtance off, it may be eaſily obſerved by the Compaſs towards what Coaſt the Motion of the Body is directed: And the ſame way at that Time will be the Current of the Sea.

Q. Apollo *Could give no greater Inſtance of his God-like Generoſity, than to decline Intereſt, and Inſtruct a Friend. I have no peculiar Prejudice to your Sex, but Admire the Juſt and Good, and when I Converſe with an Eloquent Man, I am Charm'd with his Polite Expreſſions, without the Thought of that Phantom* Love, *for I am all* Platonic, *and led by a Chaſt Indefatigable Inclination, ſo you'll Pardon my Declining your Advice. Don't fancy Chimera's, that I have ſecular Stratagems, or Intention to diſcover my ſelf, no, I'll keep my Inviſibility to the laſt, I ſeek no Advancement, but your favor, the Motto of my Cave* (Content and Peace) *is ſufficient to ſatisfy my Ambition. Now ſay, from the Depth of Thought, is not ſuch an Inoffenſive Life, Superior to the Imaginary fading Joys of the Matrimonial State, and you'll Oblige, Your Sincere* ECCHO.

A. Madam *Ecchо*, A real Joy doubtleſs is preferrible to an Imaginary one, but becauſe you find ſome real Joy in a Single State, to conclude thence all in the Married is Imaginary, is wrong Arguing. The All-wiſe *Creator*, who knew beſt what was Good for his Creatures, Inſtituted the Marriage State in Paradiſe, *He ſaw it not good for Man to be alone*; and perhaps ſtronger Reaſons might be given why it is not good for Woman. The Temptations of this World often prove too ſtrong to be reſiſted by their United Force, much more eaſily might they Singly be overcome. But in former Papers, we have given many more Argumunts for the Preference of the Marriage State, and ſhewn that all the Incommodities ariſing thence, Reflect not the leaſt thereon, but are Created by the Perſons themſelves, through Error, Indiſcretion, or Evil Inclinations; to which Papers we therefore refer you.

POEMS.

Q. I'*M in Love*, Great Apollo,
To you I will ſhow it,
Becauſe I'm ſure you'll
Let no Body know it.

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But

But 'tis not with Cloe,
Nor Daphne, *nor* Phillis,
Nor Celia, *nor* Delia,
Nor yet Amarillis;
Thoſe Tender Young Griſtles,
Unable to bear,
Such Sallies as mine,
Which wou'd ſhake 'em to Air.
Who expect that their Lovers,
Like Puppies muſt Whine,
And Swear, when as Cloudy
As Tempeſts, they Shine:
Muſt Grin, if they Smile,
And muſt Sigh, if they Frown,
Their Favors prefer,
To the Joys of a Crown.
And if for a Rival
The Calf *is diſmiſt,*
He looks like Peel-Garlick,
Or School-Boy bepiſt.
Such Guiney *Hens never*
Can Inſl'ence my Paſſion,
Made of Laces and Ribbands
And Manto's in Faſhion;
I boaſt an Amour,
More Gen'rous and Brave,
Than to Whimper and Snivle,
And Cringe like a Slave.
My Object is Jolly,
Fat JOAN *at the* Bell,
Who all your fine March panes,
By far do's excell.
What tho' ſhe's a Cook,
To the Kitchin belongs,
I'll Crown her Black Brows,
With the Charms of my Songs:
She'll toſs you a Pancake
As high as the Ceiling;
Mount a Swinging Great Pot
To the Crane without Feeling:
Her large Brawney Fiſt,
Twirle a Spit, tho' 'tis charg'd
With a Quarter of Beef,
Whilſt Her Paunch is enlarg'd,
With a Bowl of October,
Which ſhe'll take ye off Clean,
And then Flounce about
Like an Amazon-Queen.
Now ſay if I'm not
By a Sound Judgment led,
To take ſuch a Sturdy,
Strong Jade to my Bed;
On whom ſuch bold Brats,
I may juſtly ſuppoſe,
To Get, as may take
The French King *by the Noſe.*

A. Go on Thou rough *Hero,*
Thou 'rt much in the Right,
The Fates have ordain'd Thee,
For ſuch Coarſe Delight.
Bold Brats doſt thou ſay!
Why thou'lt *Centaurs* beget,
~~The Male and Whelps,~~ your Boys & Colts & Spear
And the *Females* the Spit.
Then let no Demurrer
Thy Enterprize Damp,
But fly to the Wars,
And take *Joan* to the Camp:
How apt the *Virago*
Is fitted for Plunders,
While her *Tongue* her juſt Rights,
To the Carcaſſes Thunders;
She'll *Uncaſe* them like *Rabbits,*
Nay think it no Sin,
If like *Eels* in her Kitching
She Whips off their *Skin;*
And if your *Proviſion,*
In time ſhou'd decreaſe,
You may Quarter your ſelf,
A whole Month on her Greaſe.
She may from her *Scullery*
Arm her ſelf well,
Her Helmet, a *Skillet*
Of Mettal call BELL;
Two large *Dripping* Pans
For her *Back-piece* and *Breaſt;*
For her *Bum* a *Stew* Pan,
And ſo on for the reſt.
Let her *Litter* at Night,
But ne'er lye on a Bed,
And get all thy Off-ſpring
Upon a *Drum-head;*
That may Roar themſelves into
The World when they come,
And bear a ſound Banging,
As well as the *Drum.*
When *Joan* gives 'em *Suck,*
Let her live upon *Bears,*
To draw in their Natures,
If rougher than theirs.
Then *Fleſh* 'em on *Tygers,*
And when up they grow,
They'll pay all the Debts,
To their Parents they owe.
But take this wiſe Caution,
Keep ſtill to the Wars,
For fear you fare worſer,
By Domeſtick Jars;
And *Joan* ſhou'd reduce you,
In ſuch ſcurvy Manner,
You're forc'd to Fight under
Her *Petticoat Banner.*

The PROLOGUE *Spoke by Mrs.* Bradſhaw *to the Play called,* The ROYAL MERCHANT, or the BEGGARS BUSH, *Acted for the Benefit of the* Box-Keepers.

IT ſeems ye expect a Prologue, Sirs, to Night,
Which ſince you WITS have not been pleas'd (to Write,
I'll Rhyme and Rail *Extempore*——out of Spite.
Methinks ſome Chance-conducted Foes I ſee,
Who lay ſure claim to Wit —— by QUALITY;
Who with the Stream, like floating Straws, ſtill go,
And ſee no Merit where they find no Show;
Who grace the Boxes with a judging Air,
And *Wiſely* find ——
At t'other Houſe all the beſt Actors are,
'Cauſe they have Glaſs Sconces and Wax Can (dles there.
What ſhall I do to ferret them away,
Remember, Sirs, 'tis the BOX KEEPERS Day,
There'll be the Devil and all of — *p'eaſe to Pay.*
How! ſtand ye that unmov'd? Hey then——
Our Rivals help us, —— for I have got a Notion
Their dumb Scenes t'other Night have taught you (want of Motion;
Well! if you are reſolv'd to ſtay to Night,
Do it, but t'any Gratis out of Spite;
And when the Sawcy BOX-KEEPERS want Pay,
Cry, *Dam Ye*, every Night's your *Benefit-Play.*

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SIR,

THE Advices from Bruſſels April 26, are that the Allies have actually inveſted Doway in order to beſiege it without any loſs of time; that the States of Brabant and Flanders have iſſued out Orders to their reſpective Diſtricts, for providing a certain number of Horſes for drawing up the Scheld the Boats laden with the Artillery and Ammunition deſign'd for that Service, which continually arrive at Ghent, inſomuch that there is a prodigious Train of Artillery to be made uſe of in that Siege; that the Allies deſign to be as expeditious as poſſible to reduce that Place, that they may be in a condition to attack Arras before the Enemy can take the field; 'tis ſaid a French Officer is come over to the Allies, and has made a diſcovery relating to the Fortifications of that Fortreſs, which will much facilitate the taking of that important Place; That Monſieur Albergotti the chief Commander therein, has a very good Garriſon, and 'tis ſaid he will defend it to the laſt extremity: That there are ſeveral Letters from Valenciennes, which mention, that the Magazines in Doway are but indifferently provided, by reaſon the Enemy thought that Place cou'd not be attackt till the Allies had Forced the Lines, which they concluded to be impracticable; that the next Advices from Paris are impatiently expected, becauſe 'tis the Opinion of moſt People, that the News of the Surprizing Progreſs of the Allies will certainly produce a great Alteration in the Meaſures of the French Councils, will Oblige them to Sign the Preleminaries as were the laſt Year concerted.

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